



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the mission of the ForMatt Foundation?

We passionately believe, as did Matthew D. Choiniere, that all children deserve a fair and equal chance to pursue their interests and dreams. In loving memory of Matthew, it is the Foundation's mission to provide the gift of opportunity to children and their families to enjoy a fun, healthy activity not otherwise within their means.

2. What age group does the ForMatt Foundation serve?

Children ages 5-18

3. Am I eligible for a grant no matter where I live?

The foundation serves children residing in New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont.

4. What types of activities does the ForMatt Foundation support?

The Foundation supports participation in activities such as summer recreational camps, sports camps, instructional classes, art, music, theater, educational activities, and after-school enrichment programs. The Foundation provides funding to purchase necessary equipment and supplies for participation and may include transportation expenses. **Note:** The Foundation does not fund year-round advanced skills programs.

5. What proof of income is required?

- a. Most recent W-2 form for all adults in household.
- b. Copy of last two pay stubs for all adults in household.
- c. Disclosure of income of all adults contributing to the household.

6. What proof of expenses is required?

The application requires full disclosure of all household monthly expenses. The applicant should be ready to provide copies of official documents for household costs if requested by the ForMatt Foundation.

7. What is the grant application deadline?

All items on the application checklist must be received 30 days prior to the activity registration deadline.



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8. How are grant applications evaluated?

All ForMatt Foundation Grant Applications are evaluated and given a point value by each of the ForMatt Foundation board members in the four categories listed below. **PLEASE NOTE:** Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. **However, if a family is unable to** complete the application fully, the application will be considered if a support letter is written on behalf of the family by a social worker, guidance counselor, or other professional, **not affiliated with the agency providing the service for** which funding is being requested, and who can verify that the child will benefit from the grant.

a. INCOME ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must demonstrate and confirm income eligibility by providing all the information required on the grant application.

b. ACTIVITY MATCHES FOUNDATION MISSION

The activity or purpose for which the applicant is requesting financial support must be consistent with the ForMatt Foundation Mission (see item #1 above).

c. SUPPORT LETTER

The Letter of Support **must** be written by a non-family member who is an adult **and** is someone **not affiliated with the agency providing the service for** which funding is being requested. The letter should be written by someone who can describe how participation in this activity will have a positive impact on the child's life. Giving specific examples of how participation will benefit the child is essential to writing a meaningful Letter of Support. For example: Participation in the activity will strengthen the child's social skills, increase self-esteem, and provide a positive and fun experience. Letters of support may be written by, but not limited to; school guidance counselor, teacher, coach, social worker, or mentor.

d. SOCIAL BENEFIT/LIFE SKILLS

How will participation in the activity enhance the child's social skills and life skills?
Will this grant provide a fun and positive experience for the child?

9. What is the dollar amount of a typical grant award?

\$100.00 - \$600.00 is a typical range. However, grant requests exceeding the typical amount will still be considered.

10. Am I permitted to apply for a grant more than once?

Yes.



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11. How will I be notified about the status of my grant application?

Applicants will be notified in writing through e-mail or by U.S. mail. In many cases, you may also receive a phone call.

12. Do all of the required application materials and information need to be submitted at the same time?

Yes. However, the support letter may be submitted separately from the grant application.

13. What do I do if I have a question about the application or questions about eligibility?

The Foundation Board of Directors welcomes all inquiries. Please call (603)707-4736 or write to vint@formattfoundation.org.